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## ***Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas***

***L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> District***

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## **Board Approves Ridley-Thomas Request for Recommendations to 'Streamline' Red Tape for Projects Funded by Federal Stimulus Dollars**

**LOS ANGELES** – The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a request by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to direct the County's Chief Executive Office, Department of Public Works and any other appropriate department or commission to report back immediately with recommendations for 'streamlining' the public procurement process for development of projects with federal "stimulus" funding.

"The global financial crisis is having profound effects on the local economy, affecting all residents of the County," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. "As the County intends to participate fully in federal and state "stimulus" programs to create well-paying jobs and public infrastructure of long-term value, it is imperative to direct crucial stimulus funds to qualified projects to use as quickly and cost effectively as possible to receive their desired results."

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas asked the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the board within 30 days with draft recommendations on his request.

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